

# MRFSS Facts and Figures

## Connecticut 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
STRIPED BASS	1,090	64	990	1,026	32.7"
BLUEFISH	791	387	1,125	405	13.1"
SUMMER FLOUNDER	530	261	448	268	16.6"
SCUP	357	190	143	167	9.2"
WINTER FLOUNDER	320	235	275	85	13.6"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail).

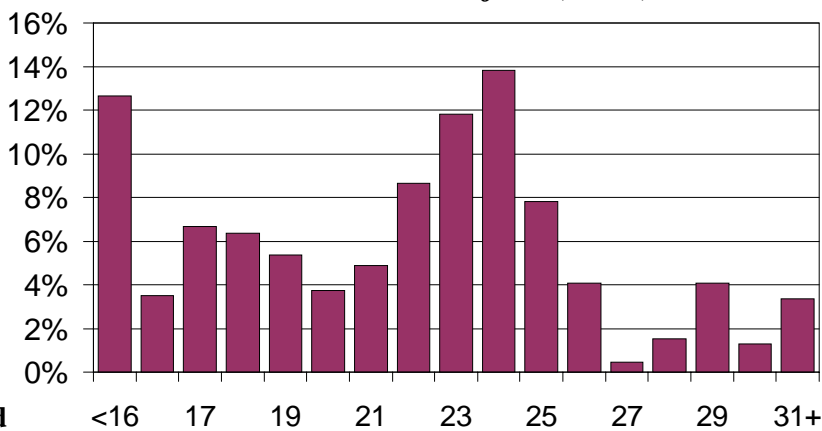
### Bluefish

*Pomatomus saltatrix*



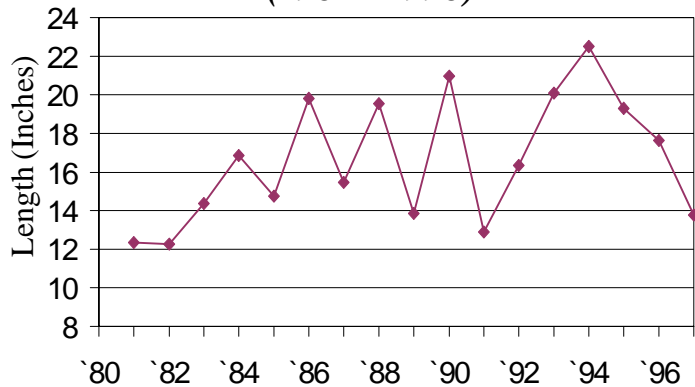
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 40 species of marine fish landed in Connecticut.

### Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Bluefish (1998)

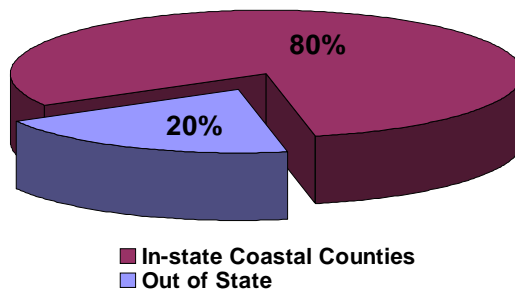


In 1998, over 42% of harvested bluefish averaged between 22 and 25 inches in length.

### Average Length of Harvested Bluefish (1981 - 1998)



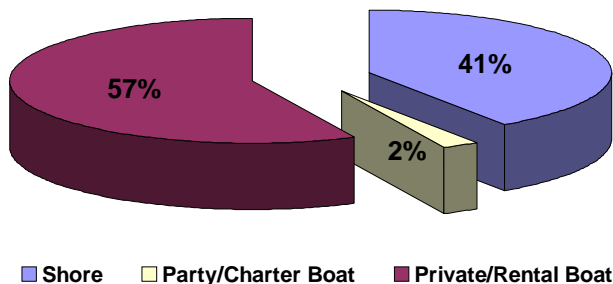
### Connecticut Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



All of CT is considered "coastal."

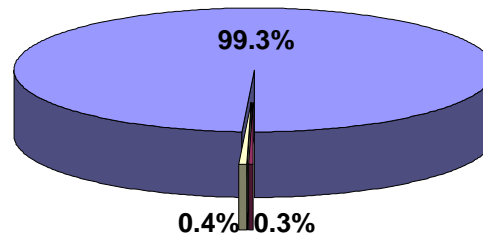
In 1998, over 363,000 anglers participated in Connecticut's Marine Recreational Fishery.

### Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



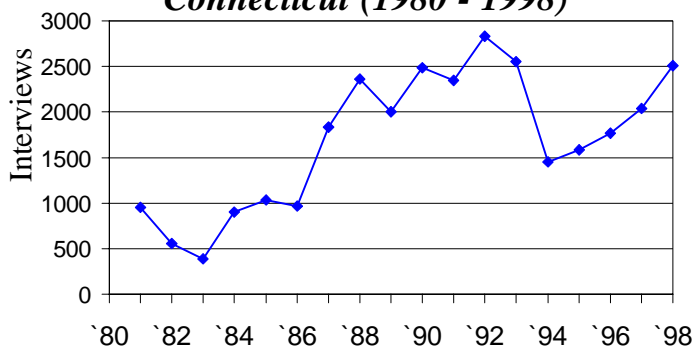
In 1998, anglers took nearly 1.3 million saltwater fishing trips in Connecticut.

### Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)



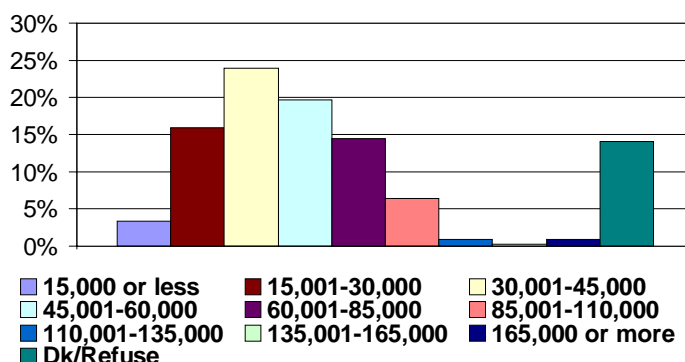
All of Long Island Sound is considered inland waters.

### Number of Completed Field Surveys Connecticut (1980 - 1998)

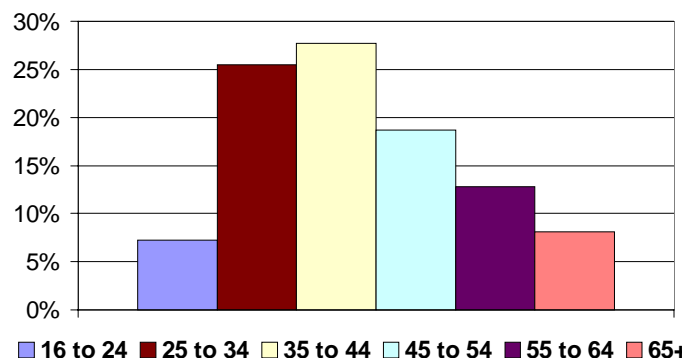


In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 2,510 surveys in Connecticut.

### Income Distribution for Connecticut Anglers (1994)



### Age Distribution of Connecticut Anglers (1994)



Large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased the total MRFSS sample size.

In 1998, contributions by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection increased the number of completed field surveys by 118% over the base MRFSS. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection personnel also conduct the field survey.

## CONNECTICUT MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) - Marine Fisheries Division  
(860) 434-6043

<http://dep.state.ct.us/burnatr/fishing/fisherie.htm>

Connecticut DEP - Marine Fisheries Rules and Regulations

(860) 434-6043

<http://dep.state.ct.us/burnatr/fishing/angler.htm>

New England Fishery Management Council  
(978) 465-0492 [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org)

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
(202) 289-6400 [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org)